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THE WEEK

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Questions or Comments? City of Falls Church, Harry E. Wells Building, 300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046 **703-248-5003 (TTY 711)**
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FOR THE WEEK OF

CITY CALENDAR	
OCTOBER	
18	Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m. Human Services Advisory Council, 7 p.m.
19	Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court in Session (Special Session, Begins at 2 p.m.)
20	City Meals Tax Due (Commissioner of the Revenue) Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-Noon
22	Yard Waste & Special Collections Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. City Council, 7:30 p.m. Volunteer Fire Department Training, 7:30 p.m.
23	Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court in Session Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
24	General District Court in Session Story Hour, 7 p.m. Board of Equalization, 7 p.m.
25	Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. Environmental Services Council, 7:30 p.m. Historic Architectural Review Board, 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Craft Vendors Wanted

The Recreation & Parks Division is looking for vendors for the 15th Annual Juried Holiday Craft Show. The Holiday Craft Show will be held Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday Dec. 2 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center. All items must be hand-made by the vendor. To apply, please call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711) or e-mail recreation@fallschurchva.gov and request an application.

Going Green

Buy Local at the Farmers Market – and Taste the Difference!

Did you know that the average piece of fruit or vegetable that you buy at the supermarket travels 1,400 miles from the farm to the market? The increased transportation results in additional air and water pollution, as well as increased consumption of oil.

Buying locally grown produce not only helps the environment—it tastes better! There's no better place to taste the difference than at the City of Falls Church Farmers Market this fall.

The Farmers Market is held every Saturday in the City Hall parking lot at 300 Park Ave., from 8 a.m.-noon.

For more information, call the City of Falls Church Recreation & Parks Division at 703-248-5077 (TTY 711).

Register for the City's Online Newsletter at www.fallschurchva.gov

Register to Receive Emergency Alerts

The Skinny on 7

The 400-block of West Broad Street (Route 7) will be reduced from four lanes to two (one in each direction) through mid-December for streetscape and road reconstruction improvements. The lane closures will occur Monday through Saturday between the hours of 5 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Commuters are encouraged to use alternate routes around the City or follow the established detours:

- Westbound Detour**
- Right onto Little Falls Street, left onto Great Falls Street, left onto Lincoln Avenue, and left onto West Street, which intersects with West Broad Street after the construction zone.
- Eastbound Detour**
- Left onto West Street, right onto Lincoln Avenue, right onto Great Falls Street, and right onto Little Falls Street, which also intersects with West Broad Street after the construction zone.

Offices Relocate as City Hall Reconfiguration Project Progresses

The Commissioner of the Revenue's and Treasurer's offices have temporarily relocated to the Training Center (located in the G Corridor of City Hall) and will remain there through February 2008. Regularly scheduled meetings in the Training Center will be held in the Community Center.

Visitors to City Hall may notice major changes as the East Wing First Floor Reconfiguration Project progresses. It is aimed to better meet the growing needs of residents, businesses and City staff, and to make the building more customer-friendly.

Once construction is finished, the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue/DMV Select offices will permanently move to the area currently occupied by the Customer

The streetscape project involves undergrounding of overhead utilities; reconstruction and widening of the sidewalk with brick pavers; installation of a landscaped strip with trees between the sidewalk and the roadway; reconstruction of curb, gutter, and driveway entrances; installation of street furniture and decorative street lighting, and road reconstruction to upgrade the roadbed to Virginia Department of Transportation standards.

This is a public-private partnership with Waterford Development, which is responsible for the utility undergrounding portion of the project. The City will manage the road reconstruction and streetscape portions.

Visit www.fallschurchva.gov/SkinnyOn7.html for more information. Questions or concerns should be directed to 703-248-5148 (TTY 711) or engineering@fallschurchva.gov.

Service Utilities Division and the Registrar of Voters. That space will be reconfigured so that the Treasurer and Commissioner share one large counter behind glass doors for customers to easily locate.

The Registrar of Voters, Clerk of the Court, and Utilities Customer Service offices will remain accessible throughout the project. Upon completion of the first phase of construction, Utilities Customer Service and the Registrar of Voters will move to the reconfigured area currently occupied by the Commissioner of the Revenue and Treasurer offices.

For more information visit www.fallschurchva.gov/CHReconfig.html.

MRS Public Library Kicks Off Annual “Food for Fines” Week Sunday, Oct. 21 - Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007

The Mary Riley Styles Public Library's annual “Food for Fines” initiative provides patrons the opportunity to help those in need by donating non-perishable groceries as payment for fines on overdue items. This year's “Food for Fines” Week runs Sunday, Oct. 21 through Saturday, Oct. 27.

“Food for Fines” is a great opportunity for patrons to clear their records of library fines by donating food for local community organizations that work with the City's Housing and Human Services Division to provide aid to families in the Falls Church City area. This optional program is a one-for-one exchange: a single grocery item (can of fruit, cake mix, etc.) will cover the fine for a single overdue item, including books, videos, DVDs, audiocassettes, or CDs. There is no limit on the number or amount of fines that can be cleared or the quantity of overdue materials that can be returned. Bills for lost or damaged library materials cannot be paid by this program.

Glass jars, opened containers, bulging cans, items past their expiration date, or sample or trial sized-items cannot be accepted for donation due to safety reasons.

For more information, please contact the Mary Riley Styles Public Library at 703-248-5030 (TTY 711) or visit them on the Web at www.falls-church.lib.va.us.

Classes and Events

Special Events
Halloween Carnival
Saturday, Oct. 27
Community Center, 223 Little Falls St.
Infants through fifth graders are invited to enjoy carnival games, a moon bounce, face painting, crafts, and candy! Event festivities are open to infants through second graders from 6 p.m.-7 p.m.; from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. the event is open to third through fifth graders. A live “Raptor Show” featuring birds of prey by The Raptor Conservancy of Virginia will be held at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. for infants through fifth graders. Call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711) for more information.

Tree Squad Planting
Saturday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Location TBD
Experienced tree planters needed to plant trees in the City right-of-way adjacent to properties where owners have requested a free street tree. Learn new landscaping skills and enjoy the crisp fall weather. To volunteer at this event, call 703-536-3049 or e-mail colsel@verizon.net. To see if your right-of-way qualifies for a free street tree, contact the City Arborist at 703-248-5183 (TTY 711) or e-mail jspence@fallschurchva.gov.



City of Falls Church
Farmers Market
Every Saturday
from 8 a.m. - Noon

Mobile Skateboard Equipment Now Available

In response to a need for a safe place for skateboarders to skate, the City of Falls Church Recreation & Parks Division has purchased an assortment of portable skateboard equipment to serve as a roving skateboard feature in various City parks. There are 10 different pieces of equipment, including various ramps and grind rails.

The first location to house the equipment, Madison Park, is now operational. Madison Park is located on Lawton Street off of East Columbia Street. The equipment will remain at Madison Park through the end of November before moving to a different location.

The skateboard equipment, like all City parks, is open daily until dark. All skating will be “at your own risk,” and all skaters are required to wear protective helmets. Skaters are highly encouraged to wear elbow and knee pads. Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Fall Community Deliberations on City Center

City residents are invited to deliberate about the future of City Center – the most significant mixed-use development in the City's history. A panel of residents, present and former board and commission members, and the City Manager will answer questions formulated in small group discussions.

Deliberation Dates:

Thursday, Oct. 25, 7-9:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27, 1-3:30 p.m.

Both events will be held at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School.

Confirmed Panelists:

- Paul Barkley, architect and co-chair of the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee (Thursday, Oct. 25 only)
- Paul Emmons, associate professor of architecture at Virginia Tech and member of the Major Design Team that reviewed the Atlantic Realty Companies' recent proposal
- Gary LaPorta, chair of the Chamber of Commerce and proprietor of Miniatures from the Attic (Saturday, Oct. 27 only)
- Steve Rogers, former vice mayor and current board president of the Falls Church Housing Corporation

- Wyatt Shields, City Manager
- Keith Thurston, member of the Village Preservation and Improvement Society Board of Directors

Register to attend at www.dfccva.org or call 703-927-0531. A draft discussion guide is available at the Mary Riley Styles Library and www.dfccva.org.

Sponsored by Citizens for a Better City, the League of Women Voters, and the Village Preservation and Improvement Society with support from the Center for Voter Deliberation of Northern Virginia.

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Phone Numbers
Open Gym/Weather Hotline 703-248-5125*
Special Events Hotline 703-248-5178*
Fax 703-536-5125
Senior Center 703-248-5020*/21*

Community Center Hours
Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday 8:30 a.m. - Midnight
Sunday Noon - 6 p.m.

Open Gym Hours
Open Gym hours are updated on a bi-weekly basis and are also posted on the Open Gym Hotline, 703-248-5125*. All hours are subject to change.

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